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Note and Comment

The long and eagerly expected announcement that the C.P.R. is preparing to come into Edmonton by a high level bridge from Strathcona has at last been made. A party of C.P.R. officials, consisting of Messrs. Jamieson, Dennis and Brooks of Calgary, held an informal conference with the new council on Tuesday morning. They stated that the company's choice for an entrance to the city was half way between the foot of Ninth and that of Tenth street. The idea is to proceed from this point in the direction of the present C.N.R. Station, where it is hoped a union depot will be established. This they desire to be built under a joint ownership. Mr. Dennis, in the course of his remarks, declared that the cost of the bridge for purely railway purposes would be a million dollars. A well-known railway engineer, not connected with the C.P.R., when asked a few days ago by the Saturday News what the cost of such an undertaking would be, put it at that figure. In view of the largeness of this sum, it is hardly surprising, therefore, that the C.P.R. has hesitated so long before coming to a definite decision. But if it was to get its share of the largely increasing business of the city, the ultimate construction of the bridge was inevitable.

The municipalities of Edmonton and Strathcona, and the provincial government will in all probability be asked to aid the project with a view to the construction of a deck for vehicles and pedestrians. That this would serve a distinct public utility there is no doubt in the world, and for the sake of it, it would be worth while for these three bodies to bear a share of the cost of the enterprise. Whether the Grand Trunk Pacific will come in over the bridge or not has not been divulged. It seems altogether likely, however, that it will. One of the two routes which that road's engineers have submitted for consideration contemplates a crossing at this point, and when the chance is offered, to co-operate with other interested parties, the G.T.P. authorities would hardly go to the expense of erecting a bridge of their own further down the river. The only objection to the scheme, so far as its details are yet known, that the Saturday News has, is that it provides for an entrance to the city in one of the best residential quarters. As was suggested last week, an effort should be made to have the bridge erected at a point further east. If large engineering difficulties do not stand in the way, this would be very much preferable.

That very large advantages may accrue to the city through this move on the part of the C.P.R. was evident to all who conversed with the officials. When the line from Wetaskiwin to Saskatoon is in operation and a fast through service from Winnipeg to Edmonton commenced over it, the railway will require an establishment of consid-

erable magnitude near this end. It is possible, therefore, that Edmonton may be an important C.P.R. point. No definite announcement of the road's plans in this connection has been made, but it is understood that if the city is willing to pay a bonus, it may be possible to make a very considerable further addition to the railway population which we expect to have within our borders within the next few years. It would not be surprising if by 1908 we had four or five thousand citizens on the pay-rolls of the three lines, and this means an additional population directly dependent on the railways of from ten to twelve thousand. The present councillors have a most onerous task ahead of them in making suitable arrangements with these corporations now standing at our gates and it is to be hoped that they are fully impressed with their responsibilities.

As for the union station proposal it cannot be too strongly commended. It would be a great misfortune if the railway terminals were scattered. It would be inconvenient and greatly mar the appearance of the city. The erection of a handsome and commodious station for use of all the lines would be an advantageous proceeding for all concerned. It would be economical and at the same time give a dignity to the city, of the value of which too many are apt to think too lightly.

The discussion regarding the selection of a permanent capital for Alberta is being renewed. A few weeks ago Calgary appeared to have given up the hope of receiving the choice. Red Deer had been counting on the energetic championship of its claims by its member, J. T. Moore, and on a deadlock between Edmonton and Calgary. When, therefore, Calgary began to lose heart, Red Deer's heart went down at the same time. Hon. Mr. Cushing in an interview offered no encouragement, stating that it was improbable that even the southern members would unite in Calgary. That this was the case was generally recognized. The talk on the street was that Hon. Dr. DeVeber and Hon. Mr. Finlay would both support Edmonton in preference to Calgary. Now, however, it appears that an effort is being made to secure a diversion in favor of Banff. Dr. DeVeber, when in Nelson B.C., spoke of the advantages of that famous resort. What he said is reproduced elsewhere in this issue. If Calgary cannot obtain the prize, we may rest assured she will do her best to wrest it away from Edmonton. But we cannot believe that this movement will be any more successful than the others. A place to which people congregate in search of health and pleasure is hardly well adapted for the sober business of politics. Its situation is not such as to allow it to be easily reached from the different parts of the province. In two or three years trains will be coming



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The scheme was to solicit money on a promise of huge dividends. When the subscribers began to complain of the swindle the manager fled and all others connected prominently with it. Warrants were issued for all of them, including Latimer, and the grand jury has indicted all of them on several separate complaints. The federal government is assisting in the investigation and postoffice inspectors charge that each fugitive is wanted for fraudulent use of the mails.

A Horrible Discovery

A Poor Weakling Dragged Into Court and Charged With Laziness

An incident in the Recorder's Court in Montreal the other day revealed a sad state of affairs. The case was that of a lad named Monte, who was charged with non-fulfillment of an apprenticeship in a cigar factory. The charge was preferred by the foreman of the factory and the lad's stepfather appeared in support of it. He had appeared in court before on the same charge, and the complainants still urged that laziness was the cause of his breach of contract. Recorder Weir thought the youth's appearance betokened disease, so he ordered a physical examination. The doctor reported as follows:—The boy is scrofulous, anæmic, is subject to palpitation of the heart, and that organ has a very indifferent action; he should give up the cigar-making business at once and seek some other employment, as tuberculosis is strongly marked; he is short-sighted and suffering from vertigo.

The Recorder considered the report horrifying. He dismissed the action, at the same time observing that, while discipline was a necessity in factories, health should not be overlooked, and he thought it was a grave matter for the authorities to realize the actual and possible issue of such an example. Who could tell how many factories there are where such poor weaklings dragged out a weary existence and were unable to help themselves? He was inclined to believe that there was a need for medical inspection of factories, and said that he would consider the matter seriously.

Mrs. Ethier, and Messrs. J. Roy and Bigras, of Marinville, have gone to Montreal.

Miss Baker, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who has been spending several months here, has returned to her home.

Miss Hooper left on Sunday for a visit to Winnipeg.

H. H. Fitzgerald, who has been connected with the Massey-Harris Co. for some years, will leave on December 27 for Edmonton, to take charge of the company's branch there. While his departure from Hamilton is regretted, it is pleasing to Mr. Fitzgerald's friends to know that his services have been appreciated. Mr. Fitzgerald is a son of Mr. Fitzgerald of the weights and measures office.—*Hamilton Times*.

Personal

The singing of Miss Jessie Cameron at the Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterian Church Sunday School has won that clever little young lady much praise.

Miss Phoebe Long, of Sturgeon Lake, will be among the new pupils at Alberta College during the coming term.

Hon. C. W. Cross and Mrs. Cross arrived home from their trip to the east on Tuesday night. They have been gone a month.

Frank Pike and Bert Morris, of Vegreville spent several days in the city this week.

Sydney B. Woods, the new Deputy Attorney-General, arrived in Edmonton on Tuesday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Woods and their young daughter. They are staying at present at the Alberta.

Mayor Charles May was among the guests at the Masonic banquet in Fort Saskatchewan on Wednesday of last week.

H. Greenwood, of the Union Bank, has been transferred to Lacombe.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Morton, Miss A. E. Atkins and A. J. Brown have returned from White Whale Lake.

Chas. Lewis Shaw, writer of "The Nile Voyageur's" and many interesting magazines stories on the Sudan and the South African and Turkish campaign, and a well-known resident of Edmonton in the early days, was married at noon, on Tuesday, in Winnipeg at St. John's cathedral to Miss Isabelle

Thompson, daughter of the well known lumber man of Ottawa and Toronto.

The bachelors at Cochrane held a most enjoyable dance on Friday last.

R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, has returned from his Christmas vacation spent in New Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mowat and Miss Mowat spent Christmas with Mrs. Mowat's brother, Mr. McLaren, St. George St, Toronto.

P. C. Hamilton, of Agricola, was in the city on Saturday on business.

Mr. Jackson Hanby left for Winnipeg on a holiday visit last Friday per C.N.R. During his visit he expected to hear the famous New York tenor, Glen Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson left on Thursday for an extended trip to the East.

Miss Agnes Cairns spent the New Year's holidays in Calgary and Red Deer.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McKinley, Senforth, Ontario, on Wednesday of last week, when their daughter, Miss A. R. McKinley, B.A., was united in marriage to Mr. R. H. Knight, B. A. Sc., Edmonton. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Geo. McKinley, B.D., brother of the bride, and Rev. A. K. Birks, B.A., LL.B. The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss C. B. McKinley, B. A., while Mr. W. R. Sullivan, of Port Hope, supported the groom. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily gowned in white silk colienne over white taffeta silk, with trimmings of chiffon and ribbon.

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for the schemers. Stone, the head of that syndicate, is a fugitive in Europe. Francis, another member, has been convicted and is in prison here.

The scheme was to solicit money on a promise of huge dividends. When the subscribers began to complain of the swindle the manager fled and all others connected prominently with it. Warrants were issued for all of them, including Latimer, and the grand jury has indicted all of them on several separate complaints. The federal government is assisting in the investigation and postoffice inspectors charge that each fugitive is wanted for fraudulent use of the mails.

A Horrible Discovery

A Poor Weakling Dragged Into Court and Charged With Laziness

An incident in the Recorder's Court in Montreal the other day revealed a sad state of affairs. The case was that of a lad named Monette, who was charged with non-fulfillment of an apprenticeship in a cigar factory. The charge was preferred by the foreman of the factory and the lad's stepfather appeared in support of it. He had appeared in court before on the same charge, and the complainants still urged that laziness was the cause of his breach of contract. Recorder Weir thought the youth's appearance betokened disease, so he ordered a physical examination. The doctor reported as follows:—The boy is scrofulous, anæmic, is subject to palpitation of the heart, and that organ has a very indifferent action; he should give up the cigar-making business at once and seek some other employment, as tuberculosis is strongly marked; he is short-sighted and suffering from vertigo.

The Recorder considered the report horrifying. He dismissed the action, at the same time observing that, while discipline was a necessity in factories, health should not be overlooked, and he thought it was a grave matter for the authorities to realize the actual and possible issue of such an example. Who could tell how many factories there are where such poor weaklings dragged out a weary existence and were unable to help themselves? He was inclined to believe that there was a need for medical inspection of factories, and said that he would consider the matter seriously.

Mrs. Ethier, and Messrs. J. Roy and Bigras, of Marinville, have gone to Montreal.

Miss Baker, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who has been spending several months here, has returned to her home.

Miss Hooper left on Sunday for a visit to Winnipeg.

H. H. Fitzgerald, who has been connected with the Massey-Harris Co. for some years, will leave on December 27 for Edmonton, to take charge of the company's branch there. While his departure from Hamilton is regretted, it is pleasing to Mr. Fitzgerald's friends to know that his services have been appreciated. Mr. Fitzgerald is a son of Mr. Fitzgerald of the weights and measures office.—*Hamilton Times*.

Personal

The singing of Miss Jessie Cameron at the Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterian Church Sunday School has won that clever little young lady much praise.

Miss Phoebe Long, of Sturgeon Lake, will be among the new pupils at Alberta College during the coming term.

Hon. C. W. Cross and Mrs. Cross arrived home from their trip to the east on Tuesday night. They have been gone a month.

Frank Pike and Bert Morris, of Vegreville spent several days in the city this week.

Sydney B. Woods, the new Deputy Attorney-General, arrived in Edmonton on Tuesday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Woods and their young daughter. They are staying at present at the Alberta.

Mayor Charles May was among the guests at the Masonic banquet in Fort Saskatchewan on Wednesday of last week.

H. Greenwood, of the Union Bank, has been transferred to Lacombe.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Morton, Miss A. E. Atkins and A. J. Brown have returned from White Whale Lake.

Chas. Lewis Shaw, writer of 'The Nile Voyageur's' and many interesting magazines stories on the Soudan and the South African and Turkish campaign, and a well-known resident of Edmonton in the early days, was married at noon, on Tuesday, in Winnipeg at St. John's cathedral to Miss Isabelle

Thompson, daughter of the well known lumber man of Ottawa and Toronto.

The bachelors at Cochrane held a most enjoyable dance on Friday last.

R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, has returned from his Christmas vacation spent in New Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mowat and Miss Mowat spent Christmas with Mrs. Mowat's brother, Mr. McLaren, St. George St., Toronto.

P. C. Hamilton, of Agricola, was in the city on Saturday on business.

Mr. Jackson Hanby left for Winnipeg on a holiday visit last Friday per C.N.R. During his visit he expected to hear the famous New York tenor, Glen Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson left on Thursday for an extended trip to the East.

Miss Agnes Cairns spent the New Year's holidays in Calgary and Red Deer.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McKinley, Searforth, Ontario, on Wednesday of last week, when their daughter, Miss A. R. McKinley, B.A., was united in marriage to Mr. R. H. Knight, B. A. Sc., Edmonton. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Geo. McKinley, B.D., brother of the bride, and Rev. A. K. Birks, B.A., LL.B. The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss C. B. McKinley, B. A., while Mr. W. R. Sullivan, of Port Hope, supported the groom. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily gowned in white silk colienne over white taffeta silk, with trimmings of chiffon and ribbon.

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The Mirror

This wish for you: that past
rough roads unheeded
You march ahead,
Undaunted, with the hope of
trust begotten
To win life's bread!
To wear a smile e'en when tears
be your portion
With sighs unsaid.

To find fair blooms from last
year's brown leaves springing
Upon your way:
To reap the worth of deeds gone
by that left you
A bit more gray
A bit more strong to live and
love with others
From day to day.

In fruitful days may Time think
wise to give you
A gentle part;
With love of home and friends to
twine about you,
May this year start
Blue skies to cheer, and peace of
God to guide you,
O faithful heart!

Last week I wished you all the
Happiest of New Years and let
moralizing alone. If you remember
I said never a word of New
Year resolutions. You had my good
wishes. I hoped I had yours. It
was enough. And yet is this not a
time for us to pause and consider?
We have just buried an old old
friend—one doesn't lose these
lightly—one who gave us many
enjoyable hours. You knew him
as the old year. We have taken to
our hearts another and an untried
companion. With the Old Year
went a host of follies and faults,
joys and griefs, disappointments
and fulfillments. The New Year
is in our hands to do with as we
will. Does not our sense of res-
ponsibility weigh heavily at this
time? Said Emerson "Finish ev-
ery day and be done with it. You
have done what you could, some
blunders and absurdities no doubt
crept in, forget them as soon as you
can. Tomorrow is a new day.
You should begin it well and seri-
ously, and with too high a spirit to
be cumbered with your old non-
sense." The same with the old
years. But alas, this is a more
transcendent effort than is often
possible to the ordinary human be-
ing. The yesterdays do not give
up their close hold for our mere
bidding them to let go and leave us
free from their disabling touch.
Our false judgments, our neglect
of opportunities, our dire failures,
how shall we be free of these?
Through long lives, in the midst of
enviable and otherwise satisfying
circumstances, the ghost of some
long past yesterday will re-appear,
and we may not be done with it
after this philosophic fashion.
Unwelcome as the visitants may be
they have their wholesome reason
for their persistent appearances, and
their vitality is not without profit
if we take them as danger signals,
and do not exalt them into un-
healthy importance. It is to-day,
now, this hour, this minute, which
is really ours, and all that we have
to be sure of is this small pregnant
time. What we want is to make
these flying hours stepping stones
to a fairer country, where our lives
shall be the nobler for what we
have learned. Past and future
then are meant to act upon each
other as do the links which unite
and separate gems in a fair chain.
Fire and steel of cutting instru-
ments, and many a sharp blow were

needed before all was complete, but
hanging from our hand we see
neither a beginning nor an end, but
a continuous line of lovely light
and delicate enduring strength.
Make New Year resolutions, if you
will, and they will do you no harm,
and may be productive of much
good, but beware of banking with
that sad wrecker of humans to-mor-
row, while to-day stands ready and
waiting to render you the only safe
return yet discovered.

I see by an announcement card
that Mr. W. H. Nightingale, B.A.
formerly of Trinity College School,
Port Hope, has opened a prepara-
tory school for boys in Edmonton,
on Third St. and that he is pre-
pared to accept a limited number
of boys as resident or day pupils.
In Port Hope I knew Mr. Night-
ingale and his work very well and
I can truthfully assure the parents
of Edmonton that they are more
than fortunate in having such a
school presided over by such a well
qualified master established in their
midst. The advantage of an edu-
cational institution of this kind are
obvious. The intimate relations of
boys and masters, the constant dis-
cipline and friendly interest, not to
mention the organized games and
recreations are all important factors
in the moulding of a boy's char-
acter. In a city like Edmonton,
where it seems almost impossible
for newcomers to secure a home at
short notice, Mr. Nightingale's
school would seem to be a part
solution at least of a very difficult
problem. Growing boys are sadly
out of place in the hotels or board-
ing houses to which so many fam-
ilies have to resort.

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A Determined Effort

**To be made by Winnipeg's Mayor
To Drive Immoral Women
from the City.**

"There are not 249 immoral
women in this city. Morality In-
spector Leach has handed in his
report, naming all that he knew of
or suspects, and they number but
sixty-three," is the statement
made by Mayor Sharp in Winnipeg.
He further added that there would
very soon be a great many less, as
the council were unanimous in the
decision to drive the evil from the
city. The reputation of Winnipeg
must not be that of the most im-
moral city in Canada.

The report submitted by Morality
Inspector Leach was asked for by
the mayor at the meeting of
the police commissioners. He did
not believe in advertising the
matter, but since figures had been
sent abroad that were terribly mis-
leading he thought it right to cor-
rect them.

"There were more than eighty
women that were driven from
Thomas street, so the city is grow-
ing no worse," said the mayor. The
report that was circulated did not
emanate from the police, and has
been shown to be wholly incorrect.
This state of affairs has existed
long enough. The council has de-
termined to clean the city. There
are not ten men in the city who
want it to be advertised as the most
immoral city in the Dominion. If
a detective has to be placed outside
of the front and back doors of all
these houses, they will have to go.
The city has the money to fight
the matter and will see it to the
end."

The method taken by the coun-
cil will be to notify property owners

where the lewd women live. This
will cause a large number of them
to be driven out, as the owners will
not care for the facts to become
public. If this fails then there are
other measures to be taken.

In Sunny Alberta.

J. S. Wilmott, formerly manager
of the Merchants' Bank at Calgary,
will, it is said, succeed Manager
Wickson in Winnipeg.

The Bank of Commerce will
open a branch in Wetaskiwin short-
ly.

The Central Hotel at Arden was
burned New Year's night.

The C. N. R. line passed four
miles north of Vegreville and a vil-
lage has sprung up around the
station which has been known as
New Vegreville. A movement is
on foot to have it known as La-
verne in order to prevent confusion.

The Sunday before Christmas an
envelope was placed on the col-
lection plate of the Methodist
Church at Red Deer. It contained
\$85, and was a Christmas present
from an unknown donor for the
pastor, Rev. A. C. Farrell.

C. R. Pooley, manager of the
Bank of Commerce at Red Deer,
has been transferred to one of the
Manitoba branches.

The annual Masonic banquet at
Red Deer on Wednesday of last
week was a unique success.

Over 18 tons of beets were hand-
led this year at the Raymond
sugar factory, 4,630,000 pounds of
sugar being produced.

Harry Bishop was recently
brought before Superintendent Be-
gin and Inspector Belcher at Leth-
bridge charged with selling liquor
to Indians. He was found guilty
and sentenced to six months' im-
prisonment in the barracks.

The Tabor postoffice was last
week entered and everything avail-
able in the way of stamps, money
and registered mail was taken.

The Farmers' Advocate, Winni-
peg, says that it is becoming con-
stantly more evident that alfalfa
is to be the great forage plant of
Southern Alberta; and that even in
the more central and northern
parts of that province it appears to
be possible to grow this legume
with success. The growing of al-
falfa will be one of the many im-
portant topics discussed in Alberta
by the speakers on the Seed
Special, and at the "Seed Fairs,"
conducted by the Seed Branch of
the Department of Agriculture.

A double wedding took place on
Christmas afternoon in Medicine
Hat when Rev. J. W. Morrow per-
formed the marriage ceremony be-
tween John McCorkindale and Miss
Elizabeth Irvine, and James Mor-
rison and Miss Jenny Maitland.
The two brides-elect arrived from
Scotland on the morning train.

R. S. Clayton who lives near
Medicine Hat has just returned
from an 800 mile ride after some
steers which had drifted down to
within 20 miles of Great Falls,
Mont. He says the show is very
deep on the other side of the bound-
ary.

L. E. Noel, advocate of Dawson
City, is spending some weeks here
on his way back from a visit to
Quebec.

About Town.

It is said that Dr. D. J. Gogglin,
former superintendent of education
for the Northwest Territories,
stands a good chance of being ap-
pointed Superintendent in Ontario.
It is proposed to appoint a deputy
minister with two superintendents
under him. It is expected that
John Seath will look after the
high schools and Dr. Gogglin the
public schools. Dr. Gogglin was
in Edmonton the other day. He
is at present in the employ of the
Canada Book Publishing Co., To-
ronto. Last June he participated
prominently on behalf of the Con-
servative candidates in the London
and Oxford bye-elections.

Neville Harbottle and F. J. Mc-
Brydon have passed the civil ser-
vice qualifying examinations re-
cently held here.

The High River Times says:
"Edmonton is to have another
newspaper. A. B. Watt, who was
formerly editor of the Sentinel Re-
view of Woodstock after inspecting
the country with the view of es-
tablishing a newspaper, has de-
cided upon Edmonton as a good
field and is now the publisher of
the Saturday News. We look for-
ward to a well printed newsy sheet,
and one that will be a credit to the
City of Edmonton for Mr. Watt is
a journalist of no mean order."

The annual teammeeting at St.
Paul's mission on Friday night last
was a great success.

The work of organization in con-
nection with Queen's Avenue Pres-
byterian Church is proceeding
rapidly under the energetic pastore-
ate of Rev. Mr. Reikie. A young
people's society, from which much
good is expected to accrue, was
formed on New Year's night.

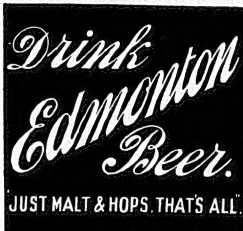
The wand drill, the song of the
Christmas fairies and the cantata
selection were three excellent fea-
tures of the Christmas S. S. enter-
tainment at the Baptist Church.

The occupants of a house near
the public hospital were surprised
to have a man, in almost a naked
state, run into the room where
they were sitting shortly before
twelve o'clock one night last week.
The intruder was a Belgian gentle-
man, who has been a patient at the
public hospital, where he was suf-
fering from typhoid. While in a
delirious state he jumped through a
window and ran down the street.
He is apparently none the worse
for his experience.

Ex-Mayor MacKenzie carries
the chair that he has occupied dur-
ing his term of office into his re-
tirement. The presentation was
made to him at the last meeting of
the old Council.

The report of expert auditor
Neff which was read at the Coun-
cil meeting on Friday night last is
a practically complete vindication
of Secretary-Treasurer Kinnaird.
The latter's books, Mr. Neff report-
ed, were the most carefully and ac-
curately kept that he had ever ex-
amined. No serious fault could
be found with the methods adopt-
ed. A discussion followed which
became spirited at times. On the
Mayor's casting vote it was finally
decided to have the auditor's report
printed by itself.

Aug. Fibiger of the C. N. R.
store desires to wish all his friends
and customers a happy and pros-
perous New Year.



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Here and There

Did you notice the heading which the Journal placed over the news that the Liberal candidate had been declared elected in Regina by three of a majority:

"REGINA IS STOLEN—THE BRAZEN ACT OF THE SCOTT COERCIONISTS—NOTHING TOO CORRUPT FOR A DIS-CREDITED GOVERNMENT."

In view of the facts of the case such language is simply silly. A recount was held according to the method prescribed by law. If anything was done that was not in strict accordance with the statute, the courts may be appealed to. Till some wrong-doing is shown, would it not be better to use a little moderation? It is rather a serious thing to charge an individual with stealing anything. No one would think of doing it, unless he could show reasonable ground for believing that the accusation could be substantiated. Why should a body of respectable citizens be subjected to different treatment, just because they happen to be in the service of the public. The "coercionists" to whom the Journal refers have been returned to power by the free electors of Saskatchewan. Does it mean that these electors were not in a position to make an intelligent choice? How were they coerced into returning Mr. Scott and his colleagues? But we need hardly take the Journal seriously, for it applied the same word to the Liberal leaders of Alberta and their majority could hardly have been larger. The trouble is that such

methods cast discredit on journalism generally. A newspaper which acts as if its readers were a lot of children can hardly be expected to inspire confidence.

"J.S.O." favors the Lounger with a letter in which he advises the writer of this column to disobey the instructions of the editor and to take his task seriously. "If you should be caught thinking a serious thought" he writes, "it is an easy matter to play the role of the cheerful idiot and get out of it." I thank my friend for his advice, but must say in reply, to use the words of an editor when rejecting a poem on the beautiful snow, I don't exactly catch the drift of it.

"Now this" he continues, "is the wrong time of the year to be funny, especially too funny." What have we here? I hope my correspondent does not intend to convey a threat. "There are circumstances," he says, "in which to be funny too late, and then there is need for double seriousness. Now considering the Spring-like weather we have had until now, there is reason to think that we are liable at any time to drop over a precipice into cold weather, and those that are caught unawares in that condition will be like those who hold life insurance policies in a position of having been funny too long. So it would not be advisable to be funny yet for the next hundred days." I must thank my correspondent very warmly for his interest in my humble contributions to the Saturday News, and shall do my best to restrain myself during the period that he suggests.

A fair reader sends me the following verses, which while not original with her, doubtless express the sentiments not only of herself but of many another maiden in this land where so many opportunities lie open to them that are denied to their sisters in the effete east:

Oh men are the strangest things
There are beneath the sun;
Although I know that very well—
I mean to marry one.

But which one is the question, for
I don't know what to do;
Although I mean to marry one—
I am engaged to two.

The situation surely is
As trying as can be;
Although I am engaged to two
I am in love with three.

And then there is another fact
That troubles me still more;
Although I am in love with three;
I am beloved by four.

Is it any wonder that we receive letters constantly from our sisters and our cousins and even our aunts in Ontario and elsewhere saying that they would like to come out and pay us a visit? It is certainly a land of great opportunities and few there are, no matter what their age, sex or condition in life, who cannot find plenty of scope in our midst.

A young man who has political ambitions should undoubtedly come west. Dr. Neely, the new member for Humboldt, Saskatchewan, has only been in the province a year. But his case does not come up to that of "Luggie" McCarthy, the popular young Conservative member of the House of Commons for Calgary. He had been practising his profession in the neighboring city less than a year when he carried the riding, and, of course, it is something more to be elected to the Commons than to the provincial legislature. When the difficulties are considered under which a man labors who wants to break into politics in the east, such early successes are remarkable. An explanation is easily given. In the west, people are in the habit of recognizing ability much more speedily than is the case in the older provinces. Pull does not make a career here.

The coming of the new year was very fittingly celebrated in various parts of the city. It is said that one well-known citizen was found early on Monday morning attired in his evening clothes fast asleep in the drawing-room. "Where were you last night, sir?" said his landlady to him reproachfully. "I'm not altogether sure," replied the W.K.C., "it might have been a marriage, or a funeral, or perhaps it was merely a supper. At any rate it was a great success."

The other day "G. T. McD." wrote to the sporting editor of the Winnipeg Free Press asking a decision on a bet. A. said Niagara Falls had never been crossed. B. said Blondin crossed on a tight rope, wheeling someone in a barrel. The editor, of course, decided in favor of B. It is only a year or so since Blondin died and many a man who is still young can remember the time when he was performing his feats, and it is strange that anyone who takes an interest in such things could have forgotten

them. The note in the Free Press led me to look up an old scrap-book where I found an account of the visit of the youthful Prince of Wales, now our King, to Niagara Falls. Among the letters received by the Duke of Newcastle, who was directing the Prince's tour, was this:

"To his Grace the Duke of Newcastle:

"It is important that the Prince of Wales' entrance into the United States should produce a sensation worthy of the country and himself. He will probably arrive among us by way of the Falls, where the greatest natural wonder of this continent has been running for six thousand years.

"In order that the occasion may be fitly improved, I propose to take her apparent to the British throne across the falls in a wheelbarrow, on a tight rope, free of expense.

"If I would please your grace, I should be very happy to bring you over in the same way, and other members of the Prince's suite whom he may designate. If any accident should happen by which His Highness or any member of his party should be precipitated into the gulf below (of which I assure you there is little or no danger) the money taken from the spectators shall be promptly and conscientiously returned.

"Please submit this proposition to His Royal Highness and favor me with a reply at your earliest convenience.

"I am your Grace's most obedient and most humble servant
M. BLONDIN."

The Prince, it should be added, had so many pressing engagements that he could not accept the invitation. But Sir Edmund Head, the governor-general, was a very unpopular personage and one of the newspaper editors made the following suggestion:

"Positively our young Prince must leave our soil by a safer conveyance than the back of Blondin. But there is Sir Edmund Head quite at Monsieur B's service. It is expected that he will be leaving the province shortly; an exit in a wheelbarrow on a rope amid the hissing of serpents, the glitter of squibs, the glare of blue-lights, and the smell of sulphur, would be most appropriate. Furthermore if—if such a thing as a slip should happen, no hearts would be broken."

Pat had asked that he might get off work early to go to a friend's wedding. Next day he came back with two black eyes and his boss asked him how it happened.

"Well, I'll tell you how it was," he replied, "There was a Jude standin' there with a swallow, tailed coat and a high collar on, and oi went up to him and axed:

'An' who are you?' oi said
'Oi'm the best man' says he
'You are like the devil' says oi
'Oi am' says he
'An' faith he was.'"

Among the arrivals from the North Country last week were W. T. Green of Ottawa and J. N. Wallace of Calgary who have been on a surveying trip since April 18th last.

Miss Cochrane, of Moosejaw, has been spending the holidays with Miss Mary Reid, Fourth Street. Miss Reid entertained in her guest's honor on Thursday evening of last week.

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An O'Brien Conspiracy

A revelation made by William O'Brien M. P. in his "Recollections" just published will not make the Irish party any more popular in Britain. According to Mr. O'Brien there was a plot in existence shortly after the Phoenix Park murder in 1882 to kidnap the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The Royal Irish Constabulary and the Dublin Metropolitan Police had agitated for higher pay, and 1,000 of them were virtually in revolt. A deputation from the police waited upon Mr. O'Brien to invite him to address a meeting of malcontents. Then, he says, he thought of a plan to go the meeting, excite the men to the highest possible pitch of excitement, and march the 1,000 constables upon Dublin Castle. Then to seize the Lord Lieutenant and his chief secretary, and, holding them as hostages, get possession of the wires and excite a revolt among the constabulary throughout the country to strengthen his party in the negotiations with the government. Mr. O'Brien says he discussed this scheme with Mr. Parnell, and it was only abandoned because the Fenian party, through timidity and partly through jealousy of the Parliamentary representatives, refused to take part in it. It is almost impossible, however, to believe that Mr. Parnell would be a party to such a hare-brained scheme. It was with the greatest difficulty and after many years that he succeeded in persuading the public that he was not responsible in any way for the Phoenix Park murders. No one would have doubted it, if he had become mixed up in the plot that Mr. O'Brien describes.

A Chance for Western Conservatives

The people of the west have cause to be encouraged by the tour of the tariff commission. In all parts of the country a very healthy sentiment against increased duties has manifested itself. From all accounts the work of revision is not to be taken up at the ensuing session of parliament, the task of preparation having been found to be too heavy to accomplish in time. When the proposals are finally brought down a year hence, there is every reason to believe that they will not be such as to weigh as heavily on the west as it was at one time feared they might. Several years ago, when Mr. Tarte was one of the leading and most active members of the ministry, it looked as if it were likely to surrender wholly to the high tariff advocates Mr. Chamberlain's movement followed and gave protectionist doc-

trines another impetus and about the time of the holding of the meeting of the British Chambers of Commerce in Montreal, sentiment against increased trade freedom was certainly running very strong. But within the past two years the protectionists have been steadily losing ground, both here and across the border and in the old land.

That Western Liberals have been responsible to a large extent for keeping the party from yielding altogether to the demands of the manufacturers there is no doubt. Why should the Conservatives of this part of the Dominion not exercise a similar influence with their friends? By circulating Mr. Watson Griffin's pamphlets, they are simply committing political suicide so far as the West is concerned. A Conservative convention for the Dominion is to be called in the near future. Why should not Western Conservatives seize the opportunity to impress on their friends from the other provinces the foolishness of always trying to go the Liberals one better in the way of seeking protectionist favor? If, as it is thought it will, the convention assemblies in Winnipeg, no better time or place could be adopted for endeavoring to bring the party into line with Western opinion. It will not be long before Manitoba and Saskatchewan and Alberta exercise a predominant influence on the politics of the whole Dominion and if Conservatism is ever to obtain the ascendancy on this side of the Great Lakes, it should cease to identify itself with a policy which is wholly antagonistic to the interests of these provinces.

It may be said that in thus changing its attitude, the party would be breaking with the whole of its past. This is by no means true. In 1878 it did come out for higher duties and it maintained a high tariff for a considerable number of years. But the evidence is clear that Sir John A. Macdonald, while he did all this in response to the demands of a large section of his followers, was never in love with the policy. Before 1878 he was as strongly opposed to protection as any of the Liberal leaders, more strongly than many of them. In a recent magazine article Sir Robert Giffen, the eminent British statesman, told of a conversation which he had with Sir John in 1882 in which the latter avowed without hesitation that protectionist legislation in Canada was indefensible on economic grounds. He had consented to it merely for reasons of political expediency. In 1878 the country was suffering from depression and prepared to believe in any magical remedy that was offered to it. Prof. Goldwin Smith tells of similar conversations with the Conservative leader. Once when he was told of the movement towards higher duties within his party he replied that there was no danger of such a policy being adopted by the ministry. "You need not be afraid that I am going to get into that hole." On being afterwards rallied on his change of front he made that well known remark of his that "protection had done so much for him that he felt he must do something for protection."

Conditions have greatly changed since 1878. What was politically expedient then is not so now. The country's attention is not concentrated on the building of tall chimneys but on the opening up to cultivation of vast stretches of virgin

territory. The Conservatives who at the coming convention of the party speak for increased trade freedom can do so in the knowledge that such a policy would be not only for the good of the country but for the good of the party as well. It would bring the organization back to the original opinions of Sir John Macdonald and Sir George Cartier and Sir Alexander Galt. It would rally around the party the support of the great consuming and exporting masses of the population. For some years past there has not been a national Conservative party. The race cries raised by its Ontario leaders have alienated the whole of the province of Quebec, on which the old leaders so largely relied. By persisting in the advocacy of high protectionist ideas, it will still further alienate the part of the country on which it is best worth its while keeping its eye. It may be charged with inconsistency. But what of that? Their opponents' house is a glass one and they can hardly afford to throw stones. What have the Liberals done to carry out the tariff plank in the platform on which they won the general election of 1896? "The customs tariff of the Dominion" it read "should be based, not as it is now, upon the protective principle but upon the requirements of the public service." Sir Wilfrid Laurier at that convention could not have been more explicit. "We shall relieve the people of protection" he said "which is a fraud and a delusion and a robbery." It is ten years next June since Sir Wilfrid became premier. Has he kept faith with those who voted for him at that time on the strength of his opposition to protection? Is there any sign that protective theories are not as strongly held at Ottawa as they ever were? The administration has been praised for not doing all that the manufacturers asked of it. But is that carrying out the policy with which the party was identified before 1896?

Western Conservatives should get together and prepare for the coming gathering. They have a great chance to do the country and the party splendid service by inducing the Conservatives to leave to their opponents the support of protected interests and to throw itself into a movement for removing the shackles from trade.

Helping out Posterity.

The people of a city like Edmonton, which is confidently expected to become a great centre, would do well in the earlier stages of its development to study the experience of other places which have attained large growth. Back in the sixties the public school board of Chicago decided that it would be a good thing to secure some property from the expected advance in the price of which the city could reap advantage. It bought a number of corner lots, paying in all about \$5000 for them. From this property the board has now an annual income of \$500,000, which goes a long way towards meeting the expenses of education in the city. The land is leased on long terms to individuals. If such a policy had been more widely followed, the burden of taxation could have been reduced to a tremendous extent. Why shouldn't a municipality endeavor to lighten the burdens of

posterity in this way? Of course such a policy could be carried too far. There are present needs to be attended to, and it would be foolish to look too much to the future. But means can be found by which most of such civic property could be made to yield a present return. Is not the idea worth while considering in Edmonton.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Edmonton Postoffice

Editor of the Saturday News.

Dear Sir:—

I was very pleased to see your reference to the postoffice abuses in this part of the West. It is indeed high time that some action was taken to get rid of them. If I had been in your place I would have spoken much more strongly and felt myself altogether justified. I do not want to make any attack on individual officials, for I realise that they have a great deal to put up with, particularly at this time of year, but the service which the city gets at the local postoffice is scandalous. As I said, I do not think that the clerks should be blamed, at least altogether, but the public suffers nevertheless and some one must be held responsible. It is the duty of the postoffice department and of our representative in Parliament Hon. Mr. Oliver, to make investigation, and after finding out where the trouble is apply a remedy at the earliest possible moment. We may be told to wait till we get our new postoffice. But it will take a long time to put up that building and in the mean time we must have more satisfactory accommodation. We have read a great deal about the splendid administration of the postoffice department within the last few years. I do not know what it is in other parts of the country but certainly it is not a credit to anybody in the west. Yours

GENERAL DELIVERY.

A Needed Hall

Editor Saturday News.

Sir:—

Your correspondent "K" has certainly conceived a happy suggestion in the erection of a Hall for volunteer drilling and sport, but such a building might be further utilized. No one will deny that the farming industry is the mainstay of this North West Territory and should be fostered in every possible manner. A public hall in which might be held exhibitions of live stock and farm implements must be of great service to the farming community as well as the manufacturers and such a building conducted on business principles would very generally pay for itself and at the same time prove a public benefit.

R. S. N.

R. W. Cautley, D.L.S., has left on a surveying trip to the west of Edmonton. It is proposed to extend lines 13 and 17 to the mountains. The work is expected to take six months. E. M. Dennis, of Ottawa, has joined Mr. Cautley's staff.



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Mounted Police Barracks

Will Probably be Abolished— Banff Suggested for the Capital

Hon. Dr. Devere, minister without portfolio in the Rutherford administration, was in Nelson B. C. recently. While there he was interviewed and said among other things:

"No settlement has been made yet as to the maintenance of the mounted police. The Dominion Government must retain some force to collect the duties along the boundary line and to look after its wards, the Indians. A Dominion force cannot enforce provincial laws unless specially authorized to do so by provincial statute. I think that some arrangement will be made to that end, to let the present force act for the Dominion as at present and also do duty as a provincial police force. The present city barrack establishments will probably be abolished and the police scattered in outlying parts where they are more needed.

"The legislature will meet in Edmonton in March. One of the first things to be decided will be the permanent location of the capital. I have no idea where it will be. The government as such will not interfere; it will be decided by private votes. It was thought that the only contest would be between Calgary and Edmonton, but there is a growing feeling in favor of Banff. There is no reason why a commercial city should be the capital, and many reasons why it should not. Land could be secured around Banff from the Dominion Government, and it is a beautiful site.

Given to Father.

Parents not living together, and Court decides Custody on Two Sons.

Andrew Smith, of Blyth, Huron County, Ontario, has not been living with his wife for several years. Since their separation the mother has had charge of the two children, Andrew A. and Wm. J. P., aged 12 and 10 years respectively. A short time ago an application was made on behalf of the father by Mr. Wm. Proudfoot, K.C., for the custody of the boys. On behalf of the mother medical evidence was given to show that the children were being given reasonable care and were in good health. Chief Justice Falconbridge, however, took the view that a time had arrived in the life of the boys when their interests would be better served by being under the guidance of the father. He, therefore, granted the father's application, leaving the children, however, with the mother until April 15, providing she agreed not to take them out of the jurisdiction of the court.

In giving his judgment, Chief Justice Falconbridge expresses regret that the father and mother, in the absence of any gross charge against each other, should be unable to agree on some manner of life that would render unnecessary their separation.

The mother is allowed reasonable access to the children in the future. The case has been under legal inquiry for two years, and the present Judge Garrow at one time was solicitor for the mother.

Railway News

Edmonton, 2200 miles from Toronto, will within a year or two be one of the great railway centres of the Dominion. But the man is still living in Toronto who acted as conductor on the first railway train that left that city. It was a great event when the Canadian Northern started its service out of Edmonton, and the departure of the first train drew crowds to the station. But what must have been the feelings of the people of the Ontario capital when their first train pulled out? Few of them had ever seen a railway in operation before. It is true that there are some in this city who have yet to take their first railway journey, strange even as that may seem. But they, at least, didn't have to wait for the Canadian Northern to get a view of what half-a-century ago was considered the chief wonder of the age. The Lounger some months ago had the privilege of a talk with the old G.T.R. conductor above referred to. His name is John Harvie, and quite a number of years ago he retired from active railway work. The run which Conductor Harvey's train made on that fateful morning of May 16th, 1853, was not a very long one. It was up the present line to North Bay as far as the town now called Aurora but then known as Macell's Carriers. Mr. Harvie's recollections are most interesting. Thousands of people had assembled at the station, and open-mouthed viewed the preparations for departure. "Ninety per cent of them" said Mr. Harvie, "could not have been induced to trust their lives to the iron monster." Those who did do so, were looked upon as being extremely reckless. Burning sparks came from the old wide smokestack and the crowd stepped back, believing that an explosion was imminent. (If you want to see an engine such as was used at that time, walk out to the irrigation works when you next visit Calgary). The spluttering of steam struck new terror, when the clumsy engine started on the journey and disappeared into the thick forests. The company operating the road was the Ontario Simcoe and Huron Union Railway. Judge Morrison was the president, and he and his fellow directors ventured to take the trip. Two box cars, a combined baggage and smoker, and one passenger coach were carried, hardly as elaborate as the C.N.R. train which pulled out of Edmonton three weeks ago. Each car had its brakeman, who stood by the brakes to manipulate them as directed by the locomotive whistle. All the people from the farms came out to see the wonder go by. A rate of 15 miles an hour was attained. Wood was used as fuel, and at half the distance to Aurora a new supply had to be taken on. The distance was about 30 miles, and a fare of one dollar was charged, not as much as pioneer roads in the west are in the habit of asking. When the train reached Toronto on the return trip those on board were treated very much like those who nowadays return from a trip in an airship. After a while, no accidents having taken place, riding in "the travelling teakettle" became quite a popular diversion. All this was only a little over fifty years ago. The world, and Canada with it, has been moving at a rapid pace in the interval.

Edmonton to Victoria

People of latter city want to see the Two Capitals Connected by Rail.

Victoria, B.C. is very much interested in a project to connect Edmonton with either that city or some other port on Vancouver Island. The intervening strip of water could be crossed by the bridging of the Seymour Narrows, which, it is claimed, would be quite a feasible undertaking. By such a line, so we are told, at least a day and a half would be saved in the handling of oriental trade, by the saving of distance and by avoidance of fog and smoke in the tortuous waterways which Pacific shipping must now thread to reach a British Columbia mainland port.

It was as long ago as 1877 that Sir Sandford Fleming in his report on the C.P.R. survey, said, "If it be of paramount importance to carry an unbroken line of railway to one or more of the harbors of Vancouver island, and there is a likelihood that this project will, regardless of the cost, hereafter be seriously entertained, then route No. 6 becomes of the first importance, and really the only one open for selection."

This route No. 6 referred to, reaches the Pacific seaboard from the interior by way of the Homathco river, which flows into Bute inlet (a deep channel which penetrates the continent for a distance of 40 miles, and 140 miles north of Vancouver), extends from Edmonton through the Yellowhead Pass, and then follows the valley of the Fraser for some 200 miles and thence strikes southwesterly until it reaches tidewater. From the head of Bute inlet it will follow the shoreline of that arm of the sea until it reaches the contour of the continental mainland.

From this there are three ways by which Vancouver island may be reached. First, by a ferry boat from Frederick arm, through No-dales channel, a distance of fifteen miles, a route pronounced by Sir Sandford Fleming to be wholly practicable, although the cost of construction along Bute inlet would be high. Second, by the construction of four bridges varying in length from 640 to 1,350 feet, by which the railway could be carried to the northwest corner of Valdez island, whence a ferry two miles long would convey the cars to Vancouver island. Third, by the construction of three additional bridges varying in length from 1,110 to 1,350 feet, which would give an all rail line, 7,860 feet of bridging would be necessary in a distance of 30 miles. The transportation of cars between the mainland and the island would be the simplest possible matter.

The channels to be traversed are deep and free from tide runs, and perfectly straight. When Vancouver island has been reached, three points are available as railway terminals. The first of these is Victoria, with which Esquimalt may be incorporated. Another is Barclay sound, which opens in the west coast of Vancouver island about 90 miles from Victoria, the third being Quatsino, nearer the northwest end of the island. All these harbors are excellent, of easy approach, great capacity, and subject to a minimum of navigation interrupted by way of fog, while wholly free from any obstruction by way of snowstorms.

From Edmonton to a deep water terminus at Quatsino, the distance would vary from 901 to 978 miles, according to which route across British Columbia be chosen. To Barclay Sound, the distance from the same point would be from 887 to 964 miles; and to Victoria-Esquimalt from 973 to 1,050. The estimated distance to Port Simpson is 900 miles. The distance from Edmonton, via Port Simpson, to Yokohama is estimated at 4,760 miles. Via Quatsino, the distance to Yokohama is substantially identical. Via Alberni or Barclay Sound it may be put at 4,775 to 4,953 miles; and via Victoria at 5,161 miles. The claim is made that it would be more advantageous from the point of ocean navigation, to use the outer ports of Vancouver island, even although the distance were very much greater. It is a well-known fact that vessels of the C.P.R. Empress line have frequently to await a favorable tide at Victoria before proceeding to Vancouver. It is also incontrovertible that these vessels are frequently delayed both in the straits and on the voyage from Victoria to Vancouver by fogs or smoke; while it is also a known fact that vessels can sail into Victoria with absolute safety at any time.

It is likely that parliament will be approached at the coming session with view to aiding the project.

A Sailor Settles Down.

A Man with an Adventurous Career coming to Alberta to live.

Yesterday a reporter for the Free Press had the pleasure of meeting a noted traveller in the person of A. G. McLaren, who has just returned from an extended trip around the world, and whose arrival in Winnipeg was referred to yesterday morning. The captain has been in perhaps every seaport in this old world during his voyages, and the story he tells is an interesting one indeed. He has been identified with a number of seafaring enterprises and has met with numerous adventures, having fished on the banks of Newfoundland, and having been wrecked in a fierce gale off Cape Cod from which but five hands were saved. He was also cast upon Jersey Beach, being one of the three who were rescued after clinging to the rigging for fifty-six hours, the remainder of the crew having frozen to death and then dropping into the sea. But perhaps his most marvellous escape was at a time when he was aloft, he fell from high up in the rigging and was only saved from being dashed to death upon the deck by the rolling of the ship. This rolling caused him to fall into the middle of one sails down which he slid to the deck in safety. The captain has been very closely identified with the United States merchant service being captain of the vessel "Ivy" sailing from New York.

His travels have led him principally to seaport towns. During his visits to Australia, the captain was much impressed with that country both on account of its climatic conditions and the great possibilities for development; but after being away from his native Canada for over seventeen years, he has decided to give up the seafaring life and will take up a ranch in Alberta next spring.—Winnipeg Free Press.

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THE MIRROR

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CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

Those desiring a delineation of their character from their hand-writing should write a letter at least a hundred words in length and sign a nom de plume to it. Lined paper should be used. An effort should be made to discuss some subject of interest. The coupon attached below should be clipped and enclosed and the letter addressed to "Peggy," care of the Saturday News.

CORRESPONDENCE COUPON

Mark—It's rather up to me, my dear Mark, to make you a presentation of some kind, seeing that you're the first person, and a man at that, to take a peep into the "Mirror." With reference to the objection to the name I have chosen for the heading of the column let me say I believe you're the worst humbug imaginable. At the risk of wearying you let me quote a poem that perhaps gave me my first idea for choosing the title for this page that has so aroused your manly indignation. While the subject of it is one of my sadly traduced sisterhood believe an old woman who knows a deal about your sex, when she assures you that you're a vain collection taking you all round, a lovable lot to be sure, still human enough to enjoy a reflection of your own manly profiles whenever the chance offers. You, I feel assured, are no exception to the rule. How could you be when you present, as I know you do, such a stunning appearance to the world at large. I can see you in my mind's eye gotten up in cowboy regalia—surely the most picturesque imaginable—and then deny that you're a humbug and a fraud if you dare! But "revengeous a nos moutons!"

"She dressed up to go out with him,
"Twas on the topmost floor;
Before the mirror she had posed
A weary hour or more.
At last she started down the stairs,
And he was glad, but then
She tarried on the second floor
To see herself again.

Before another mirror there
She turned and turned and turned
And took her time and primped, as
though

She only was concerned;
She patted bows and touched up
tucks

And felt her fluffy hair,
And rearranged her saucer hat
With undiminished care.

And then she gathered up her skirts
And fixed them in her hand,
Coquettishly looked back once more
Into the mirror, and—
Went down another flight of stairs
To the reception-room,
Where he was huddled, like a chunk
Of rainbow colored gloom.

He smiled as any husband should,
But managed not to speak,
And it was well for he was sure
He'd waited there a week.
He rose to go, but she advanced
Upon the large pier glass,
And back and forth in front of it
Began to pass and pass.

She started with her hat and hair
And gradually worked down,
Inspecting things, until she reached
The bottom of her gown,
She caught her skirts again and
looked

To see how she'd appear,
And evidently satisfied,
She said, "I'm ready dear."

He heaved a sigh (but made it soft)
And headed for the street,
But hearing not the footfalls
Of her Louis XIV feet,
He turned, he staggered and then
fell

Against the nearest wall.
She was gazing in the mirror
In the hat-rack in the hall.

So much for mirrors and the important part they play in a woman's existence. And yet you find fault with the little hand-glass substitute?

Will you vote me a flatterer a jollier and so forth if I assure you that your right breezy letter gave me a genuine treat. If there are many more Western boys like you, I can only say that it wouldn't be safe to trust yourselves east for long. You'd be literally gobbled up by the army of nice marriageable girls that are just waiting in readiness for such as you.

And you don't want Peggy to turn Westerner, preferring that she should remain a typical tender foot and purveyor in general of eastern culture. Why dear boy, isn't that rather a hard role to live up to? Seriously though, whatever grist one grinds, let me express the hope that you will all bear with me, and if the subject matter of this week fails to please that you will not entirely lose patience, but hold out to the next week when perhaps one will be more fortunate in arousing your interest. In a column of this nature where one is obliged to cater to such a variety of tastes it is impossible to always please everyone. And it is for this reason that I especially urge each of my readers to help me out by contributing his and her share of interest to the whole.

And now for your study: There is decided individuality, excellent self esteem, ambition to rise at whatever cost, generosity, persistence, hopefulness, good cheer, sterling honesty, good sequence of ideas, and much self-reliance evidenced in your writing. You are at times unreasonably sensitive, are very readily influenced by the emotions, follow your heart's dictates before those of your head, have a ready fund of sympathy for all who need it, are as a general thing wonderfully unselfish, intensely loyal, hot headed, sometimes extremely obstinate, proud, but rarely resentful. You make friends readily and have the gift of keeping them. You are naturally of a trustful confiding disposition but are getting canny. All in all you're a rattling good fellow. I like you immensely, and hope you'll return the compliment. Will you not drop in and see me again when you have time?

Alice—Thank you very much, my dear child for your warm welcome to a stranger, and thank you again for your words of commendation for the column. I always feel towards the latter the way a mother does to her baby—an appreciation of the one being the nearest way to the heart of the other. And am I "lonely in Edmonton?" Well perhaps, at times. Not often though. One has one's room, a room to straighten out a thousand times, after ten busy little fingers have scattered Santa's bounty broadcast, some good books,

better still some warm friends—and last but not least some real estate men to handle. The latter alone are quite capable of keeping one going. It rather appalls me the house famine in Edmonton. Although I have only been a week in the city I have heard from several house hunters such tales of woe as makes one's heart ache. To board with children is the next thing to an impossibility. To obtain a house to rent is much the same. "Buy," cry the land agents. We have any number of properties for sale. "Yes," says the wife of a man making sixty dollars a month in an uptown store, "but how can one buy without the money. We have all we can do at present to make ends meet." The only solution I can see to it all is to camp out. If the weather continues as at present this shouldn't prove too much of a hardship. A friend of mine assures me he knows of a family who are having the best kind of a time "tenting" at the present moment.

"The house situation isn't the only ficer in Edmonton" announces another man. "The servant girl problem is quite as important a one."

"Please don't frighten me," I cry, "no one but a heartless wretch would attempt to wrest from me my present content and satisfaction with your city. I love it, every inch of it, and only await the arrival of my Lares and Penates, and a certain dear old "yaller" pup to have my cup of joy brimful, running over."

But how I have rambled on! My only excuse for so doing is the fact that you wanted "more impressions." Here you have them.

And now I should like to know what you girls do with yourselves in Edmonton? Have you the "club" fever? Do you golf and skate, attend Domestic Science classes, form Daughters of the Empire societies, ad infinitum? In W— several of the clever girls of the city formed a small orchestra and had no end of a good time providing the music at "Cranford Teas," etc. In a city the size of our own a girl's good time depends very much on her own initiative and originality. I'm more than interested in discovering if you often produce any light operas or little plays. In fact I want to learn all I can of both my readers and the condition that govern their lives. When I accomplish I shall then be able to perhaps cater better to Edmonton's and Alberta's interests. Did you desire a delineation, you enclosed nary a coupon?

PEGGY

Joseph Langlois, of the State of Michigan, has been paying a visit to Edmonton, and will likely settle here.

The Alberta Society of Colonization, formed among French-Canadian citizens on the initiative of Hon. J. D. Rolland of Montreal, has elected the following officers: Honorary President, Hon. J. D. Rolland; President, J. H. Picard; Vice President, J. H. Garipey; Secretary-treasurer, W. Garipey; Executive Committee, Dr. Roy, P. E. Lessard, O. Tessier, D. Thibault, and F. X. Boileau.

Beginning on Monday, a sleeper was attached to the regular train south. Arriving in Calgary at 4.30 p. m., it is attached to the train for the east which reaches that city at 12.40 a. m.

Throughout the West.

The preliminary hearing of the charge of criminal libel preferred by Premier Scott against J. K. McInnes, editor and proprietor of the Regina Standard, was concluded last week when Mr. McInnes was committed to stand his trial at the next sitting of the court. His personal recognizance for \$1000 was accepted as a guarantee that he will appear when called upon to do so.

On Sunday night, about ten o'clock screams were heard issuing from No. 9 Ramage street, New Westminster, by Detective Bradshaw and Officer Johnson. On hastening to the scene they found a girl named Ruth Mayne had been badly scalded about the arm and shoulder, a kettle half full of boiling water lay on the floor, and a small conflagration from an overturned stove was in progress. Harold Grant, a young man from Ottawa, who has been in the city about a month, was accused of throwing boiling water over the girl and was promptly arrested.

A fire at Whitehead, Sask., last week resulted in the total destruction of the old Commercial hotel and the Massey-Harris implement warehouse. The hotel has been occupied for several months and was a large three storey frame building with extensive outbuildings.

A letter received in Woodstock by the father of the late Louis Schoenheid, whose body was found frozen stiff in his shanty at Manor, Sask., dispels suspicions of foul play. When a friend of the deceased entered the cabin last Thursday night he found the body in the bed, with plenty of covering. There were no signs of any struggle.

Encouragement is being given in London, England, to Mr. Neill, inventor of the automatic telephone, who promised the French Government to find husbands in Canada for the thousand girls his invention has thrown out of work. It is said there will be no difficulty in keeping his promise if Mr. Neill goes to the Western Canada Secretary of the Canadian Emigration Society.

Mr. Scott says that Archbishop Langevin's letter favoring the Liberal candidates in Saskatchewan cost the party at least five seats. There is little reason to doubt that this is the case. While it is hard to see why people should

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In the Athletic World.

People from the east sometimes express surprise that hockey is so popular a game here, when the senior matches are nearly altogether confined to contests between Edmonton and Strathcona. It certainly would be better if we could have a little more variety, but the interest never slackens, and on New Year's Day the rink at Strathcona was as completely crowded as was that in Edmonton on Christmas. The home team in each case won by a single goal. It is seldom that clubs are so evenly matched, and the succeeding encounters are being looked forward to most eagerly.

The excursion run from the C.N.R. station was largely taken advantage of, much more so than the railway authorities had ever anticipated. The game was a keen one from start to finish. Edmonton led by three to two at half-time, but the home team, by most aggressive work, managed to get two goals to their opponents' nothing in the second half. Kent was the bright particular star for Strathcona. Both teams have improved considerably, the ice was firm, and altogether the match was a first-class exhibition.

The Thistle intermediates had a most successful New Year's tour. A strong team was beaten in Calgary by a score of 3 to 1. The game was an exceedingly rough one, and the Edmonton players were so badly used up that it was not thought they would have any chance at Red Deer the next night but they managed to pull out a second victory by 8 to 6.

Frequent complaints has come to the Saturday News regarding the smoking that is done at hockey matches. Many ladies who were present at the game on Christmas Day were ill as a result, while the great majority found it most disagreeable. A player on being questioned said that it bothered the members of the team greatly and was enough to throw them out of condition altogether. With such a crowd as that which assembles at the games here, the air must necessarily become rather bad, and it is up to the management to do what it can to keep it as pure as possible.

"K. L. C." writes: "A good deal of adverse criticism of Matheson's play on Monday is going about, which criticism is, I think, as unfair as it is adverse. Matheson got in some beautiful work during the game and had he been left more to himself the score might have been different. Though not a hockey man it would take a good talker or a hard hitter to persuade me that it is expedient for one man to play two places. Backing up the goal and interfering with his defence are very different and although Bamford played a fine game, he might have rendered better service to Edmonton by helping Elliot more. Edmonton and Strathcona are too well matched for either team to have to adopt a stay-at-home policy."

The Thistles of Kenora, or of Rat Portage as non-esthetic people will insist on calling that town, have covered themselves with glory by the double defeat inflicted on the Ottawas, the holders of the Shanty Cup. The first game they won by 8 to 6 and the second by 4 to 2. On their own ice, the Thistles are rightly believed by their

supporters to be invincible. But, of course, it remains to be seen what they can do in a trip to the East after the much-coveted trophy.

Wrestling seems to be taking quite a hold throughout the west. The contest with Jack Curran at Robinson's Hall will be commented upon at length in next week's issue. It undoubtedly will do much to revive local interest in the sport.

In a letter to the Calgary Albertan, Jack Downs, who is at present in Wetaskiwin, challenges "Yankee" Rogers to another match. Downs stipulates that the match be for from \$100 to \$1,000 a side, money to be deposited with any of the Calgary newspapers. The conditions of the match call for a 90 minute contest. The winner of the most falls in 90 minutes' actual wrestling to take the money. Rogers' whereabouts are at present unknown, but he can reach Downs by writing him in care of the Albertan.

Last week Downs met Pilling of Cardston at Wetaskiwin. Although the latter was much the lighter man, the match was very even, and it was not till 58 minutes had elapsed that Downs had thrown his man. The contest called for Downs to throw Pilling three times in the hour.

A determined effort will be made next season to put cricket on a good basis throughout all this part of the West. At a meeting held last week in the office of W. de V. le Maistre it was decided to form a Northwest Cricket League. The Edmonton Brewing and Malting Co. have offered a handsome cup for competition to all clubs in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Edmonton will be the headquarters of the league and a representative committee will sit here to settle all disputes. It is expected that a large number of clubs will join the organization. There are first-class cricketers scattered all the way through these two new provinces and it would be a splendid thing for western life generally if the fine old game could get a firm footing here. It is now on a good basis in Manitoba. There is nothing which does more to mould a nation's character than its games. The reputed saying of the Iron Duke that Waterloo was won on the playgrounds of Eton had a very large foundation in truth. A provisional team comprised of the following gentlemen has been chosen: Capt. Worsley, W. de V. le Maistre, E. Slocock and C. Lucas. With the arrangement of detail in their hands we may look forward to a most successful season for the new league. Each team competing is to meet at least twice each year, so that a considerable number of contests will take place.

In the course of a speech at the annual dinner of the Yorkshire Cricket Club, the Hon. F. S. Jackson said:—

"I shall never forget that shortly after I had been asked to accept, and had accepted the position of captain, I received at least half a dozen letters, each enclosing a small coin. It was all very wrong, but each of them told me exactly how I could win the toss. It is a very curious thing, but in the excitement of the moment I clean forgot all about those coins—I am afraid I put them in my pocket and spent them. At any rate, I didn't toss with any of them, although I had most excited letters from each of

the gentlemen who sent the coins telling me that they knew exactly what I should do when I tossed with them. I received applications from hundreds of people asking for inclusion in the England team. I also actually received applications from two celebrated cricketers thinking that they ought to play themselves."

The recent sale of the King's Derby winner, Diamond Jubilee, to Senor Correa, a well-known Argentine sportsman, has evoked much interest in Britain. Correa came to the country resolved to buy a horse that would dominate the turf in his own land. Zinfandel, John o' Gaunt, and Rock Sand were all thought of, but to no purpose, for their owners have repeatedly refused to sell on any terms, and then at last arose the question—would His Majesty part with one of the three illustrious brothers, Florizel II., Persimmon and Diamond Jubilee? It would have to be a regal price as a matter of course, if price there was to be, but Senor Correa has plenty of pluck in that respect.

"Do you think the King would sell for 20,000 guineas?" he asked, and on being told that it was not probable he immediately went on. "Well then, for thirty thousand guineas?" The answer to this was that such an offer might lead to business, and could offend no one. It was not believed that anything would induce his Majesty to part with his first Derby winner, Persimmon, and it was decided to try for the younger one. Senor Correa was fully aware of Diamond Jubilee's early eccentricities of temper, but satisfied himself that the horse is now quite a reformed character, and that his stock, so far as yet seen, do not inherit the bygone tantrums of their sire.

Two Edmonton rinks, skipped by Messrs. Ibbotson and Rae, defeated two from Strathcona, skipped by Messrs. Downs and Somersault, by six points in Strathcona on Tuesday.

A new rink is being erected in Ponoka.

The contests in the curling cup series continue nightly.

Seven districts have been formed by the committee of the Alberta Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. The Edmonton district is comprised of Edmonton, Strathcona and Wetaskiwin. Each district is to play off and the winners of each meet at the close of the season and compete for "The District Trophy." James Macdonald is umpire for this district.

The Medicine Hat curlers are playing on the river and a most successful season is being experienced.

Robert T. Robb, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has become manager of Cushing Bros.' Edmonton branch.

The work of the choir of St. Joachim's Church on the past two Sundays has elicited much favorable comment. It is under the direction of Rev. P. Hetu, and M. C. Hall, choirmaster.

Among those who have recently left Edmonton for Quebec are Messrs. S. Soucy, O. Tessier and Mrs. Tessier, Dr. Mignault, and P. A. Beaudoin.

H. Bowen, of the Massey Harris Company, has resigned his position with that firm after ten years of service.

What makes Good Ice.

'There's a trick in every trade, and of no occupation can this be more truly said than of making ice for curling,' says The Winnipeg Tribune. 'To the uneducated the task would seem an easy one, for in the minds of many the ice used for skating purposes is thought to possess all the qualifications necessary for curling. But not so. The curler needs the finest of ice. The slightest bump or depression will cause the most wonderful slumps in an otherwise good score, while with the nearer approach to perfection will be a corresponding improvement in the record of the players. When curlers and spectators watch the stones go backwards and forwards from end to end, few stop to consider the icemaker's troubles in securing such a smooth and glistening surface.'

If he is fortunate enough to secure a good sheet, so much so good, but if the stones stick or changing weather conditions have left a hollow or a hill he comes in for his share of the abuse, like any other individual.

'Yes a man must know his business if he would be a successful ice-maker for curling,' Jimmy Keedian, the genial caretaker of the Thistle Curling Rink said.

'When starting to freeze one of the most important things to be done is to 'plug' the ice. By the way, it might just be mentioned that few icemakers ever attempt this trick.'

'Plugging' the ice is a simple scheme to allow the air, which is certain to get under the ice, to escape when the big flooding occurs. There is bound to be a certain amount of air under the ice, and if it does not escape the ice will not properly knit, and there will be numberless holes to fill up.

'Pieces of pine between one inch and two inches in diameter are placed upright in the water at intervals of between twelve and fifteen feet. Peculiar, but the air passes up through these posts, leaving the ice firm and solid in the centre of the rink.'

'When the water is frozen the posts can be easily removed, and as they are usually along the sides of the rinks little damage is done other than filling in these small holes, which can be easily scraped off to the level of the adjoining ice.'

'When the flooding is finished the work of finishing up the rinks ready for curling is comparatively easy. A hard, smooth surface is secured by use of the fine spray. When the weather gets better hot water is used with a fine spray, as it knits better and gives a harder and smoother surface, so essential for good curling.'

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Edmonton's Opportunity

Mr. John A. McDougall Endorses
the Suggestion of the
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Last week the Saturday News published an article in which was pointed out the great opportunity which is now presented to Edmonton to establish a system of parks and parkways and to provide for a general plan by which the various public buildings to be erected in the next few years can be made to serve the purpose of giving a new dignity and beauty to the city. The civic authorities were urged to secure the services of a competent landscape artist to advise them in the matter. The interest which the suggestion has aroused is exceedingly gratifying. Many prominent citizens have been asked to express their opinions in regard to it and it is intended to have a thorough discussion of the matter in these columns. This week we publish a letter from Mr. John A. McDougall of the firm of McDougall and Secord, who has always taken a lively interest in such things and whose opinion as one of the oldest and the most successful business men of the city is entitled to the very closest consideration. The Saturday News would be very pleased to hear from any who are interested in the project, no matter whether they take a favorable or an adverse view.

Mr. McDougall writes as follows: In compliance with your request I have carefully read the article in your issue of Dec. 30th headed 'Edmonton's Great Opportunity' and consider it a very timely article—very much to the point—and deserving of more than a passing notice. I hope it will result in arousing the interest its importance entitles it to and that every citizen who has the welfare of the city at heart and desires to see it grow beautiful and become one of the healthiest and most charming residential as well as the most prosperous and progressive cities in Canada, will recognize the advisability of urging upon the Mayor and Aldermen the necessity of taking immediate action along some of the lines suggested.

A few years ago when the place was small and property cheap it would have been comparatively easy to have secured at small cost several large plots of ground as well as a number of small ones in different parts of the town for park purposes if there had been a greater appreciation of the need for these things, but the need was not then present and we failed to appreciate in advance the rapid growth that has come upon us.

The growth of the city in the last few years has been so great that works of more urgent and pressing importance had to be undertaken to keep pace with the requirements of the place, and the necessity of doing so much and doing it so quickly has kept in the background any move towards providing pleasure grounds or park sites, or doing anything in the way of beautifying our city.

But it should be delayed no longer. Those delays have already cost us thousands of dollars and the longer it is delayed the more it will cost us.

Although we are all actively engaged with present day affairs, yet

we should not neglect to do something for the future—something that will not only tend to brighten and make more enjoyable the life of our citizens but will exert a beneficial influence on the general health and spirits of the people, and be a joy and a blessing for all time to come.

Edmonton is particularly well favored as to location and probably has one of the most picturesque sites for the building of a beautiful city of any place in the Dominion, and as nature has done so much for us it now rests with the people to do their part in assisting to make the city a place to be proud of.

Your suggestions re public building are certainly worthy of some consideration but I am afraid we cannot count on much assistance or co-operation from the railway corporations or the other bodies mentioned.

I am satisfied that the citizens are awakening to the importance of something being done and done soon in the way of providing small pleasure grounds throughout the city with drinking fountains, as well as park sites for the crowds, and that they will cheerfully endorse any reasonable action of the Mayor and Aldermen along these lines.

JOHN A. McDOUGALL.

High River Suffers

The flourishing town of High River was visited by a serious conflagration on Wednesday afternoon. The buildings of Hislop, Young and Kelly, W. H. W. Thompson and E. E. Thompson were destroyed. The C.P.R. station, the Lane block, and the Commerce and Union banks were seriously threatened. The Calgary brigade was summoned but the fire was under control when it arrived. The loss will be between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

The appointment of a city auditor was on Tuesday deferred till another council meeting at the request of the new members. Ald. Boyle had moved the appointment of ex-auditor Tomlinson and Ald. Picard that of the present auditor H. R. Mountfield. The question will be threshed out in earnest at next meeting it is expected.

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Though no very large sales are reported during the past week, the demand for property of all kinds remains active. There is a likelihood that the cost of building will be increased through demands which are being made upon the Builders' Exchange. This body is scheduled to meet on Monday night when new wage scales will probably be considered. The carpenters would like their hours changed from nine to eight and the scale of wages \$3.50 instead of \$3. The bricklayers, plumbers, plasterers, and members of other trades are also desirous of a shorter day. Whatever the result, it is satisfactory to learn that it will in all likelihood be attained peacefully and there is little chance of industrial disturbance. The latter would be extremely unfortunate at this stage in the city's growth.

C. V. Weaver who has been staying at the Windsor for some days, has purchased a half share in a lot cornering on McDougall and Elizabeth streets from Mr. Fitzgerald, the sum paid being \$4250. C. A. Lowe negotiated the deal. Mr. Weaver returned to his homestead in Manville by the mid-night train on Sunday.

It is claimed that no city in the history of this continent has expanded at a greater rate than has Winnipeg during the past year, and that it has thrown Chicago's record into the shade. There is a reason to doubt the strict correctness of this statement but the figures are very striking all the same. The building permits reached \$10,700,000, while the building inspector

says that another million should be added, as at the beginning of the season the lowest estimate is always placed on proposed structures.

The Credit Foncier, which recently purchased a site in Edmonton, has bought fifty feet south of the Bank of Ottawa in Winnipeg for \$2500 a foot.

Vancouver claims an addition of 10,000 to its population during the past year, the total being now estimated at 50,000. On the principal business streets \$1300 a foot has been paid for property. During the past week 80 acres on the waterfront was sold for \$8,000. This land is situated on the line of the V. W. & V. and is understood to have been purchased for speculative purposes. The piece of property thus sold had been held by the vendor for 18 years. It was then bought at \$10 an acre, selling this week at \$100 an acre.

Among the real estate deals in the Wetaskiwin district recently were:—A. Schmid sold the N. 1/2 25-17-21 to a gentleman from Minneapolis \$2,080 cash. J. P. Gross exchanged three quarter sections in 47-21 with O. Cartier for a quarter in 46-23. Mr. Gross estimated his land at \$7.00 per acre and Mr. Cartier figured his land at about \$16 an acre.

Messrs. W. S. Weeks & Co. report that during the past week the principal demand has been for horses and lots, both in the east end and west end, and that they have disposed of several. Houses for rent have also been in great demand. It has been found impossible to meet the requirements in this direction. Unless the present hotels which are under construction

are speedily finished it is feared that a state of congestion in the matter of obtaining accommodation in the city will exist at a very early date. Every effort should be put forth to have these buildings completed and no obstacle placed in their way which might deter their opening. This firm have a large enquiry from points in British Columbia and Eastern Canada and to a representative of this paper a member of the above firm expressed his alarm at the prospect of a lack of accommodation which is likely to take place in the early spring. They report a fair movement on Jasper Ave. and First St. The East End of the city has, too, occupied the attention of many and liberal sales have been effected. During the past week some gentlemen from Iowa have interested themselves in a large area of acreage within a reasonable distance of the town.

The Edmonton Real Estate Co. reports the sale of a large number of small city lots. One hundred and fifty lots at Norwood have found purchasers. One lot on 2nd street brought \$1,500, and two on 9th st \$2,200.

Rolfe and Kenwood during the past week sold two Jasper avenue lots at \$3,000 each, and two on 8th street for \$2,500. On Queen's avenue three went at \$1000. The largest figure obtained during the week was for a lot on Jasper avenue between 8th and 9th streets for \$9,000.

Last week two lots were bought on 4th st for \$5,000 and sold on Wednesday for \$6,500. At the corner of Victoria avenue and 15th street three lots brought \$3,000.

About Town

On Dec. 28 D. Cranston took the first car of stock by rail from Fort Saskatchewan to Calgary.

The Imperial Bank has agreed to grant a substantial reduction in the rate of interest charged the city.

The opening meeting of the new city council on Tuesday night was taken up for the most part with selection of committees. The chairmen are as follows: Finance, Ald. Bellamy; Fire and Water, Ald. Griesbach; Telephone and Light, Ald. Picard; Streets and Parks, Ald. Manson; By-laws and Special Legislation, Ald. Boyle; Market and Civic Buildings, Ald. Smith; Police and License, Ald. Latta; Sanitation and Relief, Ald. Mays.

Hon. Frank Oliver on being interviewed in Ottawa declared that there was absolutely no truth in the story that the government has sold a large tract of land to private parties. "We have sold no such land, at any price, to any person, or persons," says Mr. Oliver. "No Government land has gone to any persons but actual settlers, with the exception of the arrangements made some years ago with the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company. The circumstances of that case were peculiar and the new arrangement has been abundantly justified by results."

J. B. Walker, local agent of the Canada Life, left for Ontario on a visit on Tuesday night.